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FRANKLINTON RECEIVES FUNDING FOR SEWER IMPROVEMENTS \$2.4 Million Presented to Town

FRANKLINTON, May 2, 2005 – Congressman Bobby Jindal joined USDA Rural Development State Director Michael B. Taylor in presenting over \$2.4 million to the Town of Franklinton for sewer system improvements.

This funding was originally announced by U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns on Earth Day—April 22, 2005.

“Each year USDA Rural Development celebrates Earth Day by presenting loan and grant funds to communities across America working to build and modernize water and wastewater disposal systems,” said Taylor. “This year, \$24.8 million in investments for Louisiana were announced—including the Town of Franklinton project.” A complete list of the selected loan and grant recipients and projects can be found at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rd/newsroom/news.htm>.

“This funding will enable the Town of Franklinton to conduct an extensive sewer system survey to determine the precise location of sewer leaks, correct the problems—and expand our system,” said Mayor Earle R. Brown. “This is a great occasion for our town.”

Rehabilitation work will be completed by inversion lining, point repairs, and reconstruction. In addition, the sewage system will be extended to include Section Line Road from Franklinton High School south to Louisiana Highway 10 and to construct a new lift station at the recently acquired Louisiana Highway 10 Industrial Park.

USDA Rural Development provides a full range of rural development credit services in rural Louisiana. The Louisiana USDA Rural Development State Office is located at 3727 Government Street, Alexandria, Louisiana 71302, and the telephone number is (318) 473-7921. There are four area offices located throughout the state to serve Louisiana residents. Further information on USDA Rural Development’s loan and grant programs can be obtained by visiting Rural Development’s web site at: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

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